

What is Hajj?

Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam;

- 1) Declaration of Faith (shahada)
- 2) Prayer (salah)
- 3) Almsgiving (zakat)
- 4) Fasting (shawm)
- 5) Hajj (pilgrimage)

But Hajj especially, you only do it if you can! And guess what? You only have to do it once in your whole entire life!



What Hajj Does to us!

One of the most special thing about
Hajj is that it reminds us that all people
are equal. And we all have one very very
very important job! Do you know what it is?

It is to make Allah happy with us! and that means to worship him, to do what he asks us to do. That means that the very first step before we go to Kaaba is entering the state of IHRAAM, a sacred state, a very pure state that means, on the inside, we make a promise to not do anything to upset ALLAH (subhanahu-wa-taala)!



What Hajj Does to us!

We will not act angrily, we will try not to do anything wrong at all, we have to try really really hard at hajj! And then we will get dressed in the way that we are supposed to for hajj.

Women will wear something as simple as possible, and men will wear two pieces of white cloth with no sewing at all.

This is for us to remember that we are all there for ALLAH (subhanahu-wa-taala). We are not there to impress anybody with our clothes. We are there just to focus on ALLAH (subhanahu-wa-taala)!

And just how much we love Him!

Now after we've enterred the state of IHRAAM, now we can go to the KAABA!



Talibayah

The Talibiyah is a sentence that means we are anwering Allah's (subhanahu-wa-taala) call! and we are supposed to say it, as much as possible when we are making hajj!

Allah (subhanahu-wa-taala) called us to make hajj, and so we're doing it! Now I'm going to say it once. Listen up and then I'll say it a second time and try to say it along with me!

Are you ready? Let's GO!

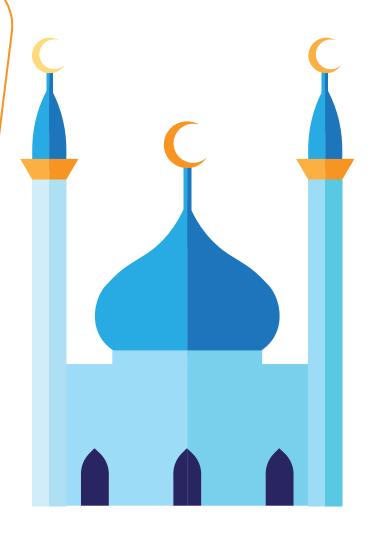
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Now say it along with me!

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Awesome! Beautiful work!

Now let's Interprete it!



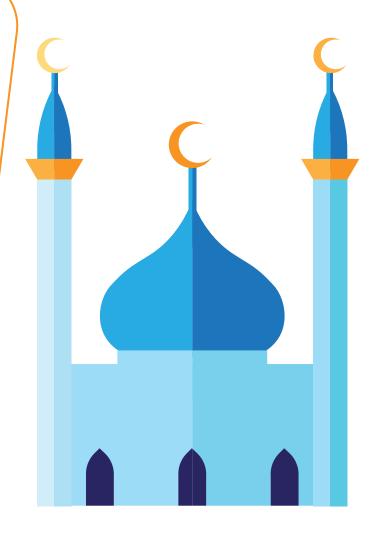
Interpreting Talibayah

lab-bayk-allaahumma labbayk
(I am answering your call Allah!)

labbayka laa shareeka laka labbayk
(I am answering your call Allah and
you have no partners.)
Meaning I'm not going to worship
anybody else but you Allah!

innal-hamda wan-ni'mata
laka wal mulk
(All things is to you Allah and all
the good things in the world are
yours Allah!

laa shareeka lak (you have no partners Allah)



Tawaaf

Now that we know how to say it, let's go round the kaaba together! Are you ready?

We are giong to go round the Kaaba, 7 times! This is called Tawaaf!

Are you ready?
lab-bayk-allaahumma labbayk
labbayka laa shareeka laka labbayk
innal-hamda wan-ni'mata
laka wal mulk, laa shareeka lak

We just finished Tawaat together! Good work!



Mina

Now that we've done our Tawaat, we are going to go to MINA (The city of Tents)

When we go to MINA, we stay in tents! MINA is 8km away from the Kaaba! Some people would take cars, some will take busses, but let's walk! Are you ready? Walk with me! lab-bayk-allaahumma labbayk labbayka laa shareeka laka labbayk innal-hamda wan-ni'mata laka wal mulk, laa shareeka lak

We are here! We've arrived at Mina!

Now you are going to stay all the way until Fajr, tomorrow! Now we are going to sit and make a lot of Dual! And ask Allah (swt) for anything our heart desires! And tomorrow, we are going to go to mount Arafat! See you then!!!!



Mount Arafat

It's morning! and it's today we can go to Arafat! and it means that tomorrow is Eid! I am so excited!

But now we have to pray Farj, and then we are going to walk 14.5km to mount Arafat! Let's go! lab-bayk-allaahumma labbayk labbayka laa shareeka laka labbayk innal-hamda wan-ni'mata laka wal mulk, laa shareeka lak

Yeah! We got to mount Arafat! This is so exciting! The prophet Mohammad (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said his last sermon, his very last sermon on this mountain! Mount Arafat is extra special! While we are here, we are going to make as much dua as possible to Allah (swt) and it we are really sincere, and we know in our hearts that Allah (swt) answers all prayers, then we are going to get exactly all we pray for!



When not in Hajj?

I wonder what everybody who doesn't come to Arafat gets to do! Hmmmmmm!

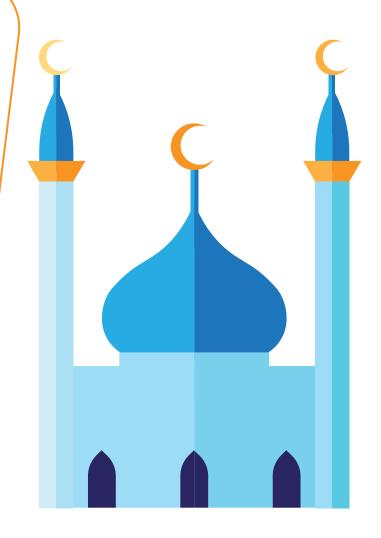
I know!

Everyone else can fast on the day of Arafat!

On the day of Arafat, if you are not at hajj, and you fast, Allah (swt) will forgive you for the wrong you did in the whole last year, and anything wrong you might accidentally do in the coming year!

It's a really good day to fast!

So if we are not at hajj, I thing thats the best thing we are going to do!



Muzdalifa

We just prayed Maghrib, which means the second day is almost over. But firts, we need to walk 9km to Muzdalifa, and once we get there, we're going to sleep under the stars!

Come on. Let's go!
lab-bayk-allaahumma labbayk
labbayka laa shareeka laka labbayk
innal-hamda wan-ni'mata
laka wal mulk, laa shareeka lak

We are here! We are at Muzdalifa! Now we can rest under the stars! We should get a good night's sleep after we pray Isha! We are going to be up, right before Fajr again!

Goodnight!



Jamarat

It's Eid! Eid Mubarak Everyone! It's the third day of Hajj, which means, Eid!

Now we have to look for a little bag, and a little pebbles as we leave Muzdalifa and head back to Mina! Let's go back to Mina!

Yeah! We are at Mina. But before we continue, I'm going to tell you a little story!

"When prophet Ibrahim (as) was asked by Allah to sacrifice his son... The Shaytaan tried to tell him not to listen to Allah (swt).. Shaytaan tried to tell the prophet to ignore Allah (swt), and that upset Ibrahim (swt) very much!

So he picked up little stones, and threw them at the Shaytaan."

Now we are not going to throw at the Shaytaan, but there are three pillars at Mina that makes us think we are throwing at the Shaytaan, meaning when we are throwing the pebbles at the pillars, we are going to be thinking about how not to allow Shaytaan make us disobey Allah (swt).

The pillars are called the Jamarat!

Now we are going to throw seven pebbles (small pebbles, we don't any to hit anybody)

You are not at hajj, just pretend to throw something, probably don't throw anything at all.

Now let's count to seven together!

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The Sacrifice

Remember the story I told you about prophet Ibrahim (as) when he was asked to sacrifice his son by Allah (swt)? Well, he listened. But just as he was about to slaughter his son, Allah (swt) stopped him and gave him a sheep instead.

So, to remember this lesson, we are going to sacrifise an animal too. It could be a sheep, it could be a goat, it could be a camel, or it could be a cow.

After that all the men are going to shave their heads! After we we go back to Kaaba and do the dua. That means we are going to go round the kaaba 7 times again!



Hajar Obers

Now, remember the story of prophet Ibrahim (as) that we said?
Long before that happened, wen his son was just a little Baby, Allah (swt) asked Ibrahim (as) to leave his wife and his baby son in the dessert, in the place that is now Makkah, before it was Makkah!

So, to find a little food and water for little baby Ismail (as), Hajar, his mom walked back and forth seven times, between mount Sarfa and Marwa and so we do that too, so we can remember how hard she worked to follow Allah's (swt) instruction, and to make Islam wonderful and strong.

Are you going to go with me? Now let's go! lab-bayk-allaahumma labbayk labbayka laa shareeka laka labbayk innal-hamda wan-ni'mata laka wal mulk, laa shareeka lak

That was tiring! Eid Mubarak everyone! Now we head back to Mina to sleep for the night!

Good night!



Jamarat Again

It's day 4 of Hajj! Today we are going to collect more little pebbles and we are going to go to the Jamarat and throw it again!

Let's go!

We have our pebbles, now let's throw!



Back to Makkah

It's the last day of Hajj, we are going to collect some pebbles and throw it again!

Let's throw!

Now that all the rituals of hajj is complete, we have to go back to Makkah one more time, and do one last dua, around the Kaaba!

Let's go!

lab-bayk-allaahumma labbayk labbayka laa shareeka laka labbayk innal-hamda wan-ni'mata laka wal mulk, laa shareeka lak

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:
The Messenger of Allah (said, "Whoever performs Hajj (pilgrimage)

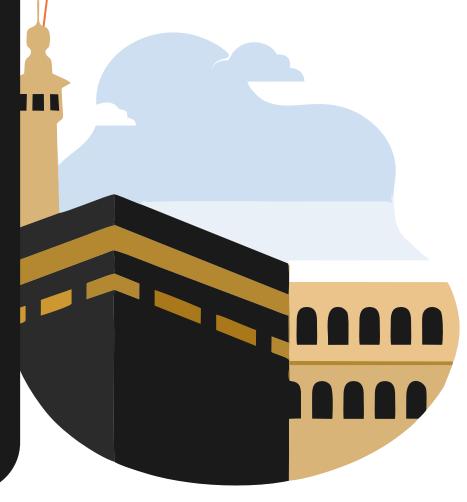
and does not have sexual relations (with his wife), nor commits sin, nor disputes

unjustly (during Hajj),

then he returns from Hajj as pure and free from sins as on the day on which

his mother gave birth to him."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim].



Thank you so much for joining me, I love my Hajj journey with you! I hope we get to do it together for real someday!

Al salam alaikum friends!

Peace be upon you!